



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1797

Application No.: 10/564,988

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For: METHOD FOR DEWATERING WATER-CONTAINING COAL

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 24, 2009 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 10-12¹ under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,702,745 to Kamei et al. ("Kamei"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

¹ Applicant notes that item 5, page 2 of the Office Action indicates that only claims 1-7 are rejected under §102(b). However, the body of the Office Action further rejects claims 10-12 under §102(b). As such, Applicant assumes that claims 10-12 are rejected under §102(b).